

Prior law provided that anhydrous ammonia dealers shall renew their permits at the end of each permit period and shall pay the fees required. Prior law also provided that the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Commission (LPGC) is empowered to formulate and enforce necessary rules and regulations for the collection of fees and their remittance to the treasury. New law retains prior law and adds that no tanker with a capacity of 1,000 gallons or more shall be used to transport ammonia until it is registered with LPGC, an annual registration fee of \$50 has been paid, and the decal provided by LPGC has been affixed to the vehicle.

New law further provides that certain personnel must pass a personnel competency test and possess a personnel competency card, which must be renewed annually. The initial fee shall be \$20, and the renewal fee shall be \$10, paid to LPGC. New law also provides that LPGC may adopt rules to enter into reciprocal agreements with other states.

New law changes fine for violation of prior law from not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 to not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000.

Prior law authorized the commission to charge permit fees. New law provides that the LPGC shall promulgate rules which reduce such permit fees by an amount equal to or exceeding the increase in fees generated in new law. Provides that fee increases and reductions shall become effective on January 1, 2000.

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(Amends R.S. 3:1356(C) and 1357; Adds R.S. 3:1356(D), (E), and(F))